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FOR: S/CPR AND ARA/EP/E

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SUBJECT: PROTOCOL: DRIVERS' LICENSES FOR ECUADOREAN  
CONSULS IN CHICAGO AND CALIFORNIA

1. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PROTOCOL OF THE ECUADOREAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS TOLD THE CHARGE THAT ECUADOREAN CAREER CONSULAR OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO CALIFORNIA AND TO CHICAGO ARE BEING REQUIRED TO TAKE DRIVERS' EXAMINATIONS (BOTH WRITTEN AND PRACTICAL) BEFORE LICENSES ARE ISSUED TO THEM AND THAT THEIR VALID ECUADOREAN LICENSES ARE NOT RECOGNIZED IN THIS RESPECT.
2. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL POINTED OUT THAT THE GOE ISSUES ECUADOREAN DRIVERS' LICENSES FREE OF CHARGE AND WITHOUT ANY KIND OF EXAMINATION (EXCEPT AN EYE TEST) TO US CAREER CONSULS UPON PRESENTATION OF A VALID US LICENSE.
3. HE RAISED THE MATTER OF RECIPROCITY AND ASKED IF THE DEPARTMENT COULD NOT DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE SITUATION OF THE ECUADOREAN CONSULAR OFFICIALS IN CALIFORNIA AND CHICAGO.
4. THE EMBASSY HOPES THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN HELP IN

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THIS CASE AS THERE ARE PROBABLY MORE OF US HERE LIKELY

TO BE AFFECTED ADVERSELY IF THE GOE WERE TO DECIDE TO  
INVOKE AND ENFORCE RECIPROCITY THAN ECUADOREANS IN  
THE US.

5. WHAT REPLY MAY WE MAKE TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL?  
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